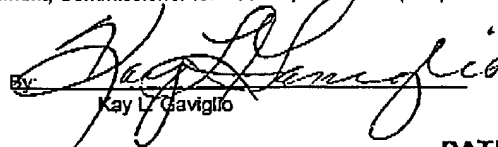


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 5, 2003, (Paper No. 9). A Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of September 5, 2003. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: